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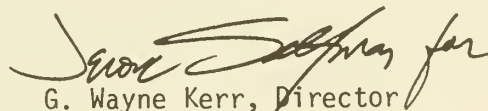
Many State legislatures are either out of session or have had short special sessions during the summer months and as a result, this issue is brief.

On August 3, 1983, the National Governors' Association passed a resolution (D-15) on emergency preparedness at their meeting in Portland, Maine. The resolution adopted by the Governors says that "... in the absence of a plan meeting minimum Federal standards, the States should take responsibility for preparing a plan. The Federal government should be empowered to develop a plan as a last resort in the event that all other entities fail to develop an acceptable plan." The resolution also says that "the failure of a local government to prepare plans and/or to conduct emergency response exercises" should not be the basis for revoking a license or rejecting an application for one.

The National Conference of State Legislatures met in San Antonio, Texas, August 8-12, 1983. Resolutions on low-level and high-level waste were debated and passed.

Senate Judiciary Hearings on the Southeast Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, the latest compact to be submitted to Congress, will be held in South Carolina on September 6, 1983. Included in this issue is the latest status chart on legislation introduced and enacted in each of the compact groups.

The Office of State Programs will host its National State Liaison Officer's (SLO) meeting December 6-7, 1983 in the Commissioner's Conference Room in Washington, DC. Among guest speakers included are: Chairman Palladino; William Dircks, the Executive Director for Operations; Victor Stello, the Deputy Executive Director for Regional Operations and Generic Requirements; Herzel Plaine, the General Counsel; and several Office Directors. Topics of discussion will include a review of regulatory requirements, waste management, emergency preparedness and recent court decisions.


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Low-Level Waste Compacts

Alaska S-233
Connecticut H-8027
Florida H-1149
Massachusetts H-6451
North Carolina S-196

Decommissioning

Connecticut S-396
Vermont JHR-31

Siting

Maine LD-1772

Radioactive Waste Disposal

Maine LD-1738
New York A-7299
Ohio H-456

Emergency Preparedness

New Jersey A-3701

Radiation

New Jersey ACR-3033
New York A-7075

Power Plants

New York A-8187

Uranium Mining

Utah H-12

Enacted Legislation

Alaska

Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-Level Radioactive Waste, S-233.
Enters the State as a party to the Compact and enacts it into law.
(Enacted 7/1/83.)

Connecticut

Power Plant Decommissioning Funds, S-396. Requires each licensee of a nuclear power plant to submit a decommissioning financing plan for the facility to the Department of Public Utility Control no later than June 1, 1984. The plan will include information on: closure, decommissioning costs, shares attributed to each owner, plans for funding decommissioning, and plans for periodic review of the plan itself. Describes procedures for hearings and approval of the plan.
(Enacted 6/15/83.)

Connecticut

Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, H-8027.
Enacts the Compact into law and enters the State as a party.
(Enacted 7/25/83.)

Florida

Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, H-1149.
Enacts the Compact into law and enters the State as a party. (Enacted 6/24/83.)

Maine

Development Sites, LD-1772. Provides a practical means by which the State may control the location of major new developments so they have a minimal adverse impact on the environment. (Enacted 6/28/83.)

Maine

Low-Level Waste Facilities, LD-1738. Places certain requirements on proposed low-level waste disposal and storage facilities; describes environmental, social and economic requirements, municipal participation, judicial review and legislative approval. (Enacted 6/27/83.)

North Carolina

Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, S-196. Enacts the Compact into law and enters the State as a party. (Enacted 7/11/83.)

Introduced Legislation

Massachusetts

Northeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact, H-6451. Would enact the Compact into law and enter the State as a party. (Introduced 6/7/83.)

New Jersey

Nuclear Emergency Fund, A-3701. Permits municipalities which have a nuclear power plant within their borders to establish a nuclear emergency fund which would provide financial assistance for life support expenses for residents evacuated from their homes as a result of a nuclear accident. The fund would also provide money to reimburse residents for property damage resulting from a nuclear accident. Describes rules for administration of the fund. (Introduced: 6/30/83.)

New York

Diagnostic X-rays, A-7075. Prohibits hospitals from billing separately for the routine interpretation of diagnostic X-rays. (Introduced: 4/28/83.)

New York

Low-Level Waste Commission, A-7299, S-6839. Establishes an advisory commission on low-level radioactive waste disposal, consisting of 17 members, to conduct a study and recommend to the governor and legislature an appropriate course of action in complying with the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act of 1980. A draft study would be submitted on or before January 1, 1984. (Introduced: 6/21/83.)

New York

Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant, A-8187. Orders the Long Island Lighting Company to divest itself in any ownership interest in the Nine Mile Point Two Nuclear Power Plant, so that the ratepayers of Long Island can be spared from a sudden large increase in rates due either to the Shoreham or the Nine Mile Point Two Nuclear Power Plant. (Introduced: 6/25/83.)

Ohio

Radioactive Waste H-456. Requires the Power Siting Board to verify the existence of a safe, demonstrated technology for the transportation of nuclear fuel rods, reprocessing of nuclear fuel rods, and disposal of spent fuel and other nuclear wastes, before granting a certificate for an electric generating plant which is fueled by nuclear fission. Provides for legislative review of the board's findings. (Introduced: 6/30/83.)

Utah

Uranium Mining, H-12. Requires any persons engaged in uranium mining to pay an occupation tax to the State amounting to one per cent of the gross value of the delivered minerals. (Introduced: 7/14/83)


Introduced Resolutions

New Jersey

Radiation Exposure, ACR-3033. Memorializes the President and Congress to direct the Veterans Administration to revise regulations regarding the provision of health care to veterans exposed to atomic radiation. (Introduced: 6/13/83.)

Vermont

Decommissioning Taxes, JHR-31. Requests the IRS to exempt monies collected by a decommissioning fund from Federal taxation. The State expresses concern over its lack of operating revenues against which to write off decommissioning expenses once the decommissioning process begins. (Introduced: 4/14/83.)



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INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMPACTS

LEGISLATIVE STATUS AS OF AUGUST 16, 1983

<u>Northwest</u> (S. 247 H. R. 1012)	<u>Central States</u> (S. 1581 H. R. 3002)	<u>Midwest</u>	<u>Southeast</u> (S. 1749 H.R. 3777)	<u>Northeast</u>
Alaska - e Hawaii - e Idaho - e Montana - e Oregon - e Utah - e Washington - e	Arkansas - e Kansas - e Louisiana - e Nebraska - e Oklahoma - e	Illinois - i Indiana - e Iowa - e Kentucky Michigan - e Minnesota - e Missouri - i North Dakota - d Ohio - i South Dakota - t West Virginia - p Wisconsin - i	Alabama - e Florida - e Georgia Mississippi - e North Carolina - e South Carolina - e Tennessee - e Virginia - e	Connecticut - e Delaware - e Maine Maryland - e Massachusetts - i New Hampshire - i New Jersey - i New York Pennsylvania Rhode Island - i Vermont - i
<u>Rocky Mountain</u> Arizona Colorado - e Nevada - e New Mexico - e Wyoming - e				<u>Unaffiliated States</u> California Texas Washington, DC Puerto Rico Virgin Islands

Key

- e - Enacted
- i - Introduced
- d - Introduced and defeated
- t - Introduced and tabled
- p - Expected to join by petition

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